

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : NO. 3:CR-18- 39  
:   
v. : (JUDGE )  
:   
CHRISTOPHER BEREZNAK :  
Defendant :

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

Introduction

At times material to this Indictment:

1. The defendant, Christopher BEREZNAK, was a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. BEREZNAK held a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration and operated a dental practice in Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, within the Middle District of Pennsylvania.
2. As a Doctor of Dental Medicine with a DEA registration, BEREZNAK was authorized to prescribe and/or dispense controlled substances to patients for legitimate medical purposes and in the usual course of a professional practice.

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3. In or about May 2017, BEREZNAK initiated a personal relationship with AG via Craigslist that continued until the time of AG's death on or about July 20, 2016. BEREZNAK did not establish or engage in a legitimate doctor/patient relationship with AG.

**COUNTS 1 through 9**

**21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)  
(Unlawful Distribution and Dispensing of a Controlled Substance)**

4. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 3 of this Indictment are incorporated herein.

5. On or about the dates set forth below, in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, the defendant,

**CHRISTOPHER BEREZNAK**

did knowingly and intentionally distribute and dispense, and cause to be distributed and dispensed, and aided and abetted the distribution and dispensing of, outside the usual course of a professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose, the controlled substances, as listed below, each of which constitutes a separate count of this Indictment:

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE OF DISTRIBUTION/ DISPENSING	PATIENT	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
1	June 2, 2016	AG	Soma (Carisoprodol) (Schedule IV)
2	June 6, 2016	AG	Soma (Carisoprodol) (Schedule IV)
3	June 9, 2016	AG	Soma (Carisoprodol) (Schedule IV)
4	June 14, 2016	AG	Diazepam (Schedule IV)
5	June 16, 2016	AG	Percocet (Oxycodone/Acetaminophen) (Schedule II)
6	June 18, 2016	AG	Soma (Carisoprodol) (Schedule IV)
7	July 6, 2016	AG	Soma (Carisoprodol) (Schedule IV)
8	July 12, 2016	AG	Soma (Carisoprodol) (Schedule IV)
9	July 18, 2016	AG	Soma (Carisoprodol) (Schedule IV)

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, §§ 841(a)(1),  
841(b)(1)(C), and Title 18, United States Code, § 2.

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DAVID J. FREED  
United States Attorney

Feb. 6, 2018  
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